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Customer No. 01933

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A network system for providing a ~~print service,~~ printing service in which a printing process is conducted in response to print-order information transmitted from a customer, said system comprising:

5 ~~a~~ at least one first server for conducting said printing process based on said print-order information transmitted from a terminal of said customer, wherein said at least one first server being is installed in ~~each of laboratories~~ a corresponding at least one laboratory, ~~and having is~~ coupled to a printer ~~being~~ capable of for producing prints, and comprises a transmitting section for sending transmitting instruction information; and

10 a second server for providing said print-service to said customer through said network system, wherein said second server ~~receiving~~ receives at least a part of said print-order information transmitted from ~~a~~ said terminal device ~~located at a~~ site of said customer, and ~~having~~ comprises an information-storing section to store said print-order information;

15 wherein ~~[[,]]~~ when said second server receives said print-order information transmitted from said terminal device ~~located at said site~~ of said customer, said second server stores said print-order information in said information-storing section

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without transmitting the received print-order information to said first server; [[,]] and

25 wherein when said first server ~~requests~~ transmits said
transmitting instruction information to said second server via
said transmitting section to request said second server to
transmit said print-order information, said second server
transmits said print-order information [[,]] stored in said
30 information-storing section [[,]] to said first server, and
~~further,~~ said first server conducts said printing process based
on said print-order information received from said second server.

2. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 1,
wherein said first server ~~can~~ is adapted to receive said
print-order information transmitted from said terminal ~~device~~
~~located at said site~~ of said customer and said second server ~~can~~
5 is adapted to store image-data corresponding to said print-order
information in said information-storing section, and [[,]]

wherein based on said print-order information transmitted
from said terminal ~~device located at said site~~ of said customer,
said first server requests said second server to transmit said
10 image-data corresponding to said print-order information, and
said first server conducts said printing process based on said
print-order information and said image-data transmitted from said
second server.

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3. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 1,
wherein identification-information of said customer ~~can~~ is
adapted to be registered in either at least one of said first
server or and said second server, and said terminal device
5 ~~located at said site of said customer can be~~ is adapted to be
automatically connected to said first server based on said
registered identification-information registered.

4. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 1,
wherein said first server transmits printing-history data to said
second server at a predetermined timing, and said second server
stores said printing-history data of said first server ~~as~~ in a
database.

5. (Original) The network system of claim 1, wherein said
first server stores first template data.

6. (Currently Amended) The network system of claim 5,
wherein said second server stores second template data, and a
data amount of ~~which~~ said second template data is less than ~~that~~
a data amount of said first template data.

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7. (Currently Amended) A server, installed in each of a plurality of laboratories, for conducting a printing process in response to print-order information transmitted from a customer, said server comprising:

5 a connecting section for coupling said server to a printer to transmit image-data to said printer; ~~and~~

a communication section for coupling said server to a network; and

10 a transmitting section for sending transmitting instructions;

wherein, through said communication section, said server ~~requests~~ transmits said transmitting instruction information to another server coupled to the network to request said another server, ~~coupled to said network,~~ to transmit said print-order information, ~~so as to receive such that said server receives~~ said print-order information from the other server, and ~~[[,]]~~ through said connecting section, said server commands said printer to conduct said printing process based on said received print-order information received.

8. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 7, wherein said print-order information ~~[[,]]~~ is transmitted from a terminal device located at a site of said customer, ~~are~~ and is received by said server through said communication section, and ~~[[,]]~~ in

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5 response to the reception of said print-order information, said
server requests ~~the other~~ said another server ~~coupled to said~~
~~network~~ to transmit image-data corresponding to said print-order
information ~~so as to receive~~ such that said server receives said
image-data from ~~the other~~ said another server, and ~~[[,]]~~ through
10 said connecting section, said server commands said printer to
conduct said printing process based on said received print-order
information and said received image-data received.

9. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 7, wherein said
server transmits printing-history data to ~~the other~~ said another
server at a predetermined timing.

10. (Currently Amended) A server for providing a print
service in response to print-order information transmitted from a
customer, said server comprising:

5 a communication section for coupling said server to a
network; and

an information-storing section;

wherein ~~[[,]]~~ in response to a request transmitted from a
terminal ~~device located at a site~~ of said customer, said server
receives said print-order information transmitted from said
10 terminal ~~device located at said site~~ of said customer through

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said communication section and stores said print-order
information in said information-storing section; [[,]] and
~~further,~~

15 wherein in response to ~~a request~~ transmitting instruction
information transmitted from another server installed in a
laboratory, said server transmits said print-order information
stored in said information-storing section through said
communication section.

11. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 10, wherein
image-data [[,]] is transmitted from said terminal ~~device located~~
~~at said site~~ of said customer, ~~are~~ and is stored in said
information-storing section, and ~~further,~~ in response to a
5 request transmitted from said another server ~~installed in a~~
~~laboratory,~~ said server transmits said image-data stored in said
information-storing section through said communication section.

12. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 10, wherein
[[,]] in response to accessing activities from said terminal
~~device located at said site~~ of said customer, said server
transmits service-information for printing to said terminal
5 ~~device located at said site~~ of said customer through said
communication section.

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13. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 10, wherein said server receives printing-history data from ~~the other~~ said another server ~~installed in said laboratory~~ and stores said printing-history data ~~as~~ in a database.